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RESPONSE

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Sir:

Applicants submit this Response to the February 1, 2008 Office Action received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants enclose herewith a petition for a three (3)-month extension of time to file this Response up and including August 1, 2008, and a check for \$510.00 in payment of the extension fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3).

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 4 of this Response.

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